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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the Examiner's attention is directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-FB-A280, copies of which are attached.

The second reference "Parts List: Spring Assisted Hinge Assembly" illustrates a prior art floating lid assembly which utilized a ball and socket type connection between part 100 and part 200.

It is to be understood that the present submission of art is in no way intended to be a waiver of any arguments or defenses available to the applicant under the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the statutes of the United States. No fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809.

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